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DANIEL J. MARSH, ESQ.,

President of Park Commissioners :

DEAR SIR.—A year ago I had the pleasure of preparing for you an approximate list of the birds that frequent "Forest Park," as residents, regular migrants and irregular visitants.

With your permission I will add to that list the names of a few species whose presence in the Park has been observed during the past year.

The Fish Crow and the Red-headed Woodpecker were identified by Mr. Barney, who is an interested and intelligent observer of the habits of birds, and who is doing a great deal in their interest by furnishing them with an abundant supply of food and attractive shrubbery for shelter and nesting places.

The Misses Dewey of this city were fortunate enough to find within the limits of the Park that remarkable bird, rare in all parts of this state, the Yellow-breasted Chat.

It was observed there last June, and several amateur ornithologists had the pleasure of listening to its wonderful ventriloquism and the great variety of tones and calls in its polyglot vocabulary. Its return next summer is anticipated with no little interest.

I visited the Park many times last summer, and not once in the song season did I fail to find, in large numbers, the most interesting song birds that are regular summer residents of Southern Massachusetts.

In the open grounds on the borders of the Park the three leading songsters of the Sparrow family could be heard on any pleasant day in June. The Song Sparrow frequented the swales and moist runs, and his sprightly song was heard from March to September.

ing statement of the number of nests of game birds found within the Park in the summer of 1894 :

Black Duck,	3 nests
Wood Duck,	2 “
Woodcock,	2 “
Ruffed Grouse,	5 “
Quail,	6 “

The prompt arrest by the Park Police of the parties detected shooting game and song birds in violation of law, merits the hearty approval of the Peabody Society, and of all others who have at heart the protection of our feathered friends.

So long as the Park Commissioners maintain their policy of furnishing protection, food and shelter, for the birds that visit the Park, the birds will surely be found there in increasing numbers, and will form one of the many attractions which draw visitors to that beautiful place.

American Herring Gull.
 American Merganser.
 Black Duck.
 Wood Duck.
 American Bittern,
Occasional visitant.
 Great Blue Heron,
Occasional visitant.
 Black-crowned Night Heron,
Occasional visitant.
 Green Heron,
Occasional visitant.
 American Woodcock.
 Solitary Sandpiper.
 Spotted Sandpiper.
 Bob-white or Quail. ,
 Ruffed Grouse or Partridge.
 Mourning Dove.
 Marsh Hawk.
 Sharp-shinned Hawk.
 Cooper's Hawk.
 American Gos-hawk,
Winter visitant.
 Red-tailed Hawk.

Red-Shouldered Hawk.
 Broad-winged Hawk.
 American Rough-legged Hawk.
 Pigeon Hawk,
Winter visitant.
 American Sparrow Hawk.
 American Osprey.
 American Long-eared Owl.
 Barred Owl.
 Saw-whet Owl.
 Screech Owl.
 Great Horned Owl.
 Snowy Owl,
Winter visitant.
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo.
 Black-billed Cuckoo.
 Belted Kingfisher.
 Hairy Woodpecker.
 Downy Woodpecker.
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.
 Red-headed Woodpecker.
 Flicker or Golden-winged Wood-
 pecker.
 Whip-poor-will.

Night Hawk.
 Chimney Swift.
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird.
 Kingbird,
Common summer resident.
 Phoebe or Pewee,
Common summer resident.
 Wood Pewee,
Common summer resident.
 Least Flycatcher,
Common summer resident.
 Crested Flycatcher,
Rather rare summer resident.
 Olive-sided Flycatcher,
Rather rare summer resident.
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher,
Rare migrant.
 Traill's Flycatcher,
Rare migrant.
 Blue Jay.
 American Crow.
 Fish Crow.
 Bobolink.
 Red-winged Blackbird.
 Baltimore Oriole.
 Rusty Blackbird,
Migrant
 Bronzed Grackle or Crow Black-
 bird.
 Pine Grosbeak,
Winter Visitant.
 Purple Finch.
 American Crossbill,
Winter visitant.
 White-winged Crossbill,
Winter visitant.
 Red-poll,
Winter visitant.
 American Goldfinch.
 Pine Siskin.
Winter visitant.
 Snowflake,
Winter visitant.
 Vesper Sparrow.
 White-crowned Sparrow,
Rare migrant.

White-throated Sparrow,
Common migrant.
 Tree Sparrow,
Winter visitant.
 Chipping Sparrow.
 Field Sparrow,
 Slate-colored Junco,
Regular migrant, and sometimes
remains in winter
 Song Sparrow.
 Fox Sparrow.
Regular migrant.
 Towhee or Chewink.
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak.
 Indigo Bunting.
 Scarlet Tanager.
 Purple Martin.
 Cliff Swallow.
 Barn Swallow.
 Tree Swallow.
 Bank Swallow.
The swallows live near the Park in sum-
mer and may appear there in search of
food.
 Cedar Waxwing or Cherrybird.
 Northern Shrike or Butcherbird.
Winter visitant.
 Red-eyed Vireo.
 Warbling Vireo.
 Yellow-throated Vireo.
 Blue-headed Vireo.
 Black and white Warbler.
 Nashville Warbler.
 Tennessee Warbler,
Migrant.
 Parula Warbler.
 Yellow Warbler.
 Black-throated Blue Warbler.
 Myrtle Warbler,
Migrant but found sometimes in
winter.
 Magnolia Warbler.
 Chestnut-sided Warbler.
 Bay-breasted Warbler,
Migrant.
 Black-poll Warbler,
Migrant.

Black-burnian Warbler.
Black-throated Green Warbler.
Pine Warbler.
Oven Bird.
Maryland Yellow-throat.
Yellow-breasted Chat.
Wilson's Warbler,
Migrant.
Canadian Warbler.
American Redstart.
Catbird.
Brown Thrasher.
House Wren,
Breeds in an orchard west of the
Park.
Winter Wren,
Migrant.

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Brown Creeper.
White-breasted Nuthatch.
Red-breasted Nuthatch,
Migrant.
Chickadee.
Golden-crowned Kinglet,
Migrant and winter resident.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet,
Migrant.
Wood Thrush.
Wilson's Thrush,
Olive-backed Thrush,
Migrant.
Hermit Thrush,
Migrant.
American Robin.
Bluebird.

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